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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, together with English-language translations thereof, are enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in an Japanese Office Action dated November 25, 2005, in a corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Office Action, together with an English translation thereof, is also enclosed.

(It is noted that this Information Disclosure Statement cites the same documents as were cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on May 8, 2006. The above-noted items enclosed with the instant paper were already submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on May 8, 2006, but are submitted again for the Examiner's convenience.

It is further noted that the Supplemental IDS filed on May 8, 2006 inadvertently included a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). That statement was not to have been made therein, as the documents cited therein were not first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of the Supplemental IDS. It is noted that a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is not now necessary for those documents to be considered, because the instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).)

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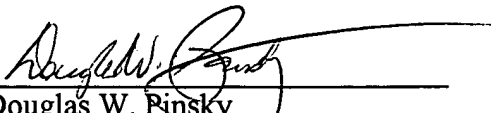
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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